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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. PORTUGAL

FOREIGN MINISTER RUIVO TOLD AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI PORTUGAL
WILL LAUNCH A NEW ANGOLA INITIATIVE, THE THRUST OF WHICH
IS:

--PORTUGAL WILL REMAIN STRICTLY NEUTRAL, BUT WILL
UNDERTAKE TO RENEW DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE LIBERATION
GROUPS, AT LEAST UNTIL INDEPENDENCE, WHICH REMAINS
NOVEMBER 11.

--LISBON WILL ALSO ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE A MPLA
MILITARY WITHDRAWAL FROM LUANDA.

--INTERNATIONALLY, PORTUGAL WILL SEEK HUMANITARIAN
ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNSC AND OAU, AND WILL ISSUE AN
APPEAL FOR THE CESSATION OF "FOREIGN INTERVENTION"
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(HE DID NOT ACCUSE THE US).

PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES SUBSEQUENTLY ENDORSED RUIVO'S
COMMENTS AND REQUESTED AMERICAN ASSISTANCE IN AIRLIFTING

140,000 SETTLERS TO PORTUGAL. GOMES HOPES THE OPERATION

CAN BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 15. (SECRET) LISBON 4799 AND
4815, 8/22.

2. DENKTASH LIKELY TO DISAPPOINT GREEKS IN NEW YORK
TALKS

ALTHOUGH DENKTASH REAFFIRMED AUGUST 20 THAT HE WOULD
DISCUSS TERRITORIAL QUESTIONS IN NEW YORK, HE ADDED THAT
IT COULD NOT BE IN TERMS OF PERCENTAGES. EMBASSY NICOSIA
COMMENTS THAT:

--DENKTASH'S COMMITMENT TO DISCUSS TERRITORIAL
QUESTIONS IN THE FORTHCOMING TALKS REINFORCES THE
IMPRESSION THAT ANKARA IS USING HIM AS A PROXY TO
EXPLORE ISSUES THAT IT CANNOT ADDRESS DIRECTLY WHILE
THE ARMS EMBARGO IS IN EFFECT.

--WITHOUT OPEN TURKISH SUPPORT, HOWEVER, AND WITH
IMPORTANT TURKISH CYPRIOT GROUPS OPPOSED TO TER-
RITORIAL CONCESSIONS, DENKTASH WILL BE FORCED TO
ADOPT A VERY CAUTIOUS APPROACH.

THE PRESENT OUTLOOK, THEREFORE, IS FOR A TOUGH POSITION
ON TERRITORY FROM DENKTASH, MUCH GREEK DISAPPOINTMENT,
AND MUCH HARD BARGAINING IN THE WEEKS AHEAD. TOO GREAT A
DEFLATION OF GREEK EXPECTATIONS WILL UNDERMINE THEIR NEW
WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER A REALISTIC SOLUTION BASED ON
BIREGIONAL FEDERATION. (CONFIDENTIAL) NICOSIA 2585,
8/22.

3. TURKS CLOSE INCIRLIK TO USAF THIRD COUNTRY FLIGHTS

THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF HAS GIVEN THE DAO'S OFFICE IN
ANKARA NEW PROCEDURES REQUIRING USAF THIRD COUNTRY
FLIGHTS TO USE TWO CIVIL AIRPORTS INSTEAD OF INCIRLIK AIR
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BASE. THE ORDERS:

--CONSTITUTE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOT'S DECISION
TO RESTRICT INCIRLIK TO NATO OPERATIONS; AND,

--CLARIFY TO OUR DETRIMENT THE LAST MAJOR GREY AREA
IN THE "PROVISIONAL STATUS" OF US FACILITIES.

ALTHOUGH THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT CHANCES OF A REVERSAL
ARE NOT GOOD AT PRESENT, IT THINKS A STRONG REPRESENTATION
TO THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY IS NECESSARY TO PRESERVE
OUR POSITION IN THE NEGOTIATIONS TO FOLLOW THE "PRO-
VISIONAL STATUS" PERIOD. THE EMBASSY INTENDS MAKING A

DEMARCHE AUGUST 25 ASKING FOR A RECONSIDERATION BECAUSE:

--THE US CANNOT ACCEPT THE GOT'S PREMISE THAT USAF
FLIGHTS THROUGH TURKEY TO OTHER FRIENDLY NATIONS ARE
UNRELATED TO NATO.

--RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON THE USE OF INCIRLIK WILL
SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE COSTS OF MAINTAINING OUR
F-4 SQUADRON THERE AND OF SUPPORTING OTHER UNITS IN
TURKEY VITAL TO NATO DEFENSE PLANS.

THE EMBASSY FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT
CONSIDER ENLISTING SUPPORT FOR OUR EFFORTS FROM NEIGHBOR-
ING COUNTRIES WHO MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE RESTRICTIONS.
(CONFIDENTIAL) ANKARA 6528, 8/22. ROBINSON

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